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Japanese Patent Application Publication 2000-83531 discloses a spinning reel master gear 11 having a gear shaft 10, a gear attachment portion 11a, and a gear member 11b. The gear shaft 10 has female threaded portions 10a and 10b at its ends. The gear attachment portion 11a has a flange portion 11d. The gear member 11b includes a disk portion 11e and a face gear portion 11f. The gear attachment portion 11a is made of stainless alloy. The gear member 11b is made of aluminum alloy.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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